

REMARKS

Claims 7 – 14 are pending. No art rejections are of record in this application. The final rejection repeats a previous rejection under Section 101 as though claim 7 was not amended to recite

placing one or more of the components into operation to perform a function relating to operation of the installation or taking one or more of the components out of operation; when a first of the components is placed into operation or taken out of operation, initiating an evaluation of other components with assignment of a numerical value to each;

The final rejection does not at all address these recitations relative to the rejections under Section 101 and it is not understood what the Examiner's position is in view of this amended claim language. That is, the rejection under Section 101 is substantially identical in wording to the prior rejection and the Examiner provides no explanation as to why the claim as amended is still found to not satisfy the statutory requirement. Removal of the rejection is requested.

The final rejection presents new grounds of rejection under Section 112. To assure with greater certainty that there is no lack of clarity, claims 12 - 14 are amended to more expressly identify each recited "component" with respect to recitations. The amendment to the claims does not broaden the claimed subject matter and is responsive to the Examiner's rejection as best understood. Entry of this amendment is therefore requested under 37 CFR 1.116 in order to place the application into condition for allowance, or in the alternative, to place the claims into better form for consideration upon appeal by eliminating the Section 112 concern.

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Conclusion

All of the rejections have been fully addressed. It is urged that the claims define allowable subject matter and in the absence of any art rejections allowance of the application is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,

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